REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	27 July 2004
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	AMfromTennesseeStateFair
Other Known Title(s):	www.katharsis.net/free2/AMfromTennesseeStateFair.html
Director(s):	Not Applicable
Producer(s):	Not Applicable
Publisher:	John Randall Beach
Author(s):	Not Stated
Format:	Computer Printout
Country of Origin:	USA
Language(s):	English

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running Time:

Trailers: Running Time:

Total Running Time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display Conditions:

Nil.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer printout entitled *AMfromTennesseeStateFair* is classified as: Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

The publication consists of a three page story that describes physical attributes of slaves at a state fair, and the cruel and inventive punishments meted out to slaves. The publication comes from an internet website that deals with extreme gay sadomasochistic fantasies. Because of the manner in which the publication deals with matters of sex, violence, cruelty and extreme sadomasochism, a restriction on the availability of the publication to persons who have attained the age of 18 years is considered necessary in order to limit the risk of injury to the public good.

The criteria applied by the Classification Office resulting in the limit on the availability of this publication are prescribed by law. This classification represents the minimum interference with freedom of expression as affirmed in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 that is consistent with preventing likely injury to the public good. It is therefore a restriction that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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